



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK**  
NOVEMBER 6-12, 2005

**WHEREAS**, the Preamble to the Constitution of the State of North Dakota states that, "We, the people of North Dakota, grateful to the Almighty God for blessings of civil and religious liberty, do ordain and establish this constitution;" and

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence, wrote, "Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed the conviction that these liberties are the gift of God?" and

**WHEREAS**, James Madison, father of the U.S. Constitution, advocated "the diffusion of the light of Christianity in our nation" in his Memorial and Remonstrance; and

**WHEREAS**, Patrick Henry quoted Proverbs 14:34 for our nation: "Righteousness alone can exalt a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people;" and

**WHEREAS**, George Mason, in his Virginia Declaration of Rights, forerunner to our U.S. Bill of Rights, affirmed "that it is the mutual duty of all to practice Christian forbearance, love and charity towards each other;" and

**WHEREAS**, these, and many other men and women involved in the structuring of American history, were Christian statesmen and stateswomen of caliber and integrity who did not hesitate to express their faith.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 6-12, 2005, **CHRISTIAN HERITAGE WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State